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TO : Inter-Office Memo

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FROM : L. R. Houston

SUBJECT: Attached file - [REDACTED] 25X1A

1. I think this deserves a little legal memo to settle the points involved. I offer the following initial comments:

25X1A Re [REDACTED] memo of 24 September, paragraph 2, appears to be "but if" reasoning, which carries no legal significance.

Re paragraph 3, unless doubt as to the facts appears on further study, I don't believe we need to obtain further affidavits.

25X1A 2. The problem then divides itself into two alternative situations: If [REDACTED] is right, that the fund involved was a travel advance, I am inclined to agree with his position, but feel we should substantiate both the facts and his statement of responsibilities. If, on the other hand, the lost money was an operational fund for which [REDACTED] was responsible and accountable, we have a separate case of whether he exercised due care. In this respect, paragraph 3 of the memo of the Chief, FBZ, dated 31 December, can be largely disregarded. It appears 25X1A

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